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BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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JUNE 16, 2014

The budget work session of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 5 p.m. in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Dr. Andre Knecht, Charles T. Parks, Robert T. Reives, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack. Staff in attendance included County Manager John Crumpton, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Lisa Minter, County Attorney Kerry Schmid, Michael James, Management Fellow, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee.

Chairman Parks called the budget work session to order.

Commissioner Frazier delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss issues that arose during the previous two budget work sessions and the County Commissioners June 2, 2014 regular meeting. Staff was instructed to list possible changes that Commissioners discussed and place them on an agenda to be discussed and voted on at this budget work session.

The first item on the agenda was a proposal from Commissioner Reives to raise the property tax rate from 72 cents per 100 Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation to 75 cents per 100 Dollars (\$100.00). The increase would generate \$1,439,829 in new revenue that would be used for the following purposes:

- 1.8% COLA for County employees - \$308,000,
- 1% supplement increase to teachers - \$375,000,
- 1% supplement increase for non-classified positions - \$100,000,
- Ten (10) new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department – 8 for the Sheriff's Department and two (2) for School Resource Officers - \$261,320, and
- Reduce the fund balance appropriation by \$395,509.

Commissioner Womack stated Sheriff Carter did not attend the budget work session and stated to him that he had another source to fund needed vehicles in his department.


Commissioner Womack stated it was not the County's responsibly to pay teacher salaries or supplements. He stated the County was giving the school system ample money to fund teachers and it wasn't fair to raise taxes to bear the schools burden.

Discussion continued for the entire hour on this one subject. Commissioner Reives stated the current budget puts the County in a deeper hole than we've been in for the past three years.

Additional discussion could not take place at this time due to the hour arriving for the scheduled 6 p.m. Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Dalrymple moved to adjourn the budget work session. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

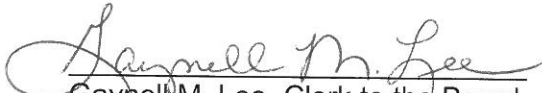
Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the work session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board